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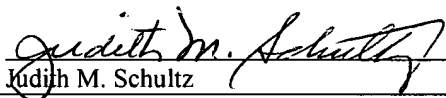
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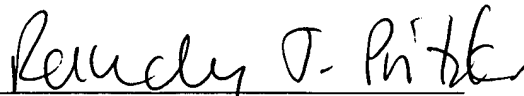
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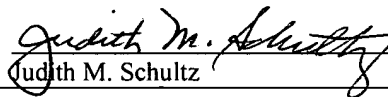
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Preliminary Amendment.